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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-15. **(Canceled)**

16. **(Currently Amended)** A method for treating a mammal suffering from a periodontal disease, comprising locally administering by injection in the proximity of the periodontal disease a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a therapeutic agent, said therapeutic agent consisting of at least one granulocyte-macrophage-colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF) polypeptide.

17. **(Canceled)**

18. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 16, wherein the periodontal disease is gingivitis or periodontitis.

19-20. **(Canceled)**

21. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 16, wherein the composition is administered by injection through the mucosal lining of the gingiva or by application in a periodontal pocket.

22. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 16, wherein said GM-CSF is present in the composition in a unit dosage amount of 5 µg to 800 µg.

23. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 22, wherein the unit dosage amount is 50 µg to 100 µg.